

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) Panel adjustment device for a drawer having a front panel attached to the drawer, the drawer being mountable in a drawer opening of a cabinet by means of a rail system with at least one drawer rail supporting the drawer and at least one cabinet rail mountable in the drawer opening for supporting the drawer rail in the drawer opening, which panel adjustment device is operable for changing an enclosed inclination angle defined between a front side of the drawer opening of the cabinet and the front panel of the drawer, the panel adjustment device comprising:

a lifting and lowering device located between the drawer and the drawer rail, the lifting and lowering device having a lifting and lowering element and a swiveling axis, the swiveling axis being disposed between the front panel of the drawer and the lifting and lowering element, and the swiveling axis being spaced from the front panel of the drawer by a distance that is no greater than a distance between the swiveling axis and the lifting and lowering element; and

the lifting and lowering element being operable to urge the drawer with the front panel attached to the drawer to swivel relative to the drawer rail about the swiveling axis, resulting in a corresponding change in the enclosed inclination angle defined between the front panel of the drawer and the front side of the drawer opening of the cabinet;

wherein the swiveling axis is closer to the front panel of the drawer than to the lifting and lowering element of the lifting and lowering device;

wherein the swiveling axis lies on the drawer rail, and the lifting and lowering element of the lifting and lowering device is disposed in a rear area of the drawer on a side wall lower component of the drawer;

wherein the lifting and lowering device further comprises a slider, an operating element for the lifting and lowering element, and a connection element connecting the lifting and lowering element in the rear area of the drawer with the operating element; and

wherein the operating element for the lifting and lowering element is disposed on the drawer or the décor component of the drawer, and the lifting and lowering element is disposed on the drawer rail, and wherein the slider extends through an opening the drawer or the décor component and into the rear area of the drawer.

2-5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently amended) Panel adjustment device, according to claim 5 1, wherein the slider bears on one of the drawer, the décor component, and the drawer rail.

7. (Currently amended) Panel adjustment device, according to claim 6 1, wherein the slider is formed as one of a flat band and a wire material and is made of one of metal and plastic.

8. (Currently amended) Panel adjustment device, according to claim 7 1, wherein the slider, the lifting and lowering element, the connection element, and the operating element are formed as one piece.

9. (Currently amended) Panel adjustment device, according to claim 8 1, wherein the operating element has teeth which are engageable by a tool to effect an adjustment of the inclination angle defined between the front panel attached to the drawer and the front side of the drawer opening of the cabinet.

10. (Previously presented) Panel adjustment device, according to claim 9, wherein the teeth are provided in a side surface of the operating element.

11. (Currently amended) Panel adjustment device, according to claim 10 1, wherein at least a part of the slider is guided by at least one guide tab on one of the drawer rail, the drawer, and the décor profile, and wherein the at least one guide tab forms at least one of

a horizontal and a vertical slide, which allows movement of the slider along a longitudinal axis of the drawer rail, but does not allow movement of the slider transverse to the longitudinal axis of the drawer rail.

12. (Currently amended) Panel adjustment device, according to claim ~~11~~ 1, further comprising a catch mechanism maintaining an adjusted position of said one of the drawer and décor component relative to the drawer rail.

13. (Previously presented) Panel adjustment device, according to claim 12, wherein the catch mechanism further comprises self-restraining corrugations provided at least one of cross-wise and diagonally relative to the drawer rail for preventing a shifting of the drawer.

14. (Previously presented) Panel adjustment device, according to claim 13, wherein the corrugations are located in an area of the operating element of the lifting and lowering element.

15. (Currently amended) Panel adjustment device, according to ~~14~~ 1, further comprising stop restrictions provided on at least one of the drawer, the décor component, and the drawer rail, so that the slider cannot be pulled out of a predetermined operating position when the slider is moving in a longitudinal direction of the drawer rail.

16. (Currently amended) Panel adjustment device for a drawer having a front panel attached to the drawer, the drawer being mountable in a drawer opening of a cabinet and supported on both sides of the drawer for movement of the drawer within the drawer opening of the cabinet by means of a rail system with at least one drawer rail supporting the drawer and at least one cabinet rail mountable in the drawer opening for supporting the drawer rail in the drawer opening, which panel adjustment device is operable for changing an enclosed inclination angle defined between a front side of the drawer opening of the cabinet and the front panel of the drawer, the panel adjustment device comprising:

a lifting and lowering device located between the drawer and the drawer rail to swivel the drawer relative to the drawer rail about a swiveling axis, the lifting and lowering device further comprising a slider and a lifting and lowering element, the lifting and lowering element being operable to urge the drawer with the front panel attached to the drawer to swivel relative to the drawer rail around the swiveling axis; and

wherein the slider is formed out of a flat material, which extends ~~from a front area of the drawer rail to a back area of the drawer rail and is held movable in the front area of the drawer rail up to a center within the back area of the drawer rail~~ on a horizontal shank of a side wall lower component of the drawer, and wherein the slider has a rear area that is supported on the drawer rail with an end of the slider formed as a wedge-shape sliding piece; and

wherein the end of the slider is bent to form the wedge-shape sliding piece, and the wedge-shaped sliding piece bears on the drawer rail and projects through a recess in the horizontal shank of the side wall lower component of the drawer.

17. (Canceled)

18. (New) Panel adjustment device for a front panel of a drawer supported in a cabinet by a drawer rail system, the panel adjustment device comprising:

at least one drawer rail of the drawer rail system supporting a drawer with a front panel attached to the drawer;

at least one cabinet rail of the drawer rail system mounted to the cabinet and supporting the at least one drawer rail;

a lifting and lowering device located between the drawer and the drawer rail, the lifting and lowering device having a lifting and lowering element that is moveable between predetermined first and second positions of the lifting and lowering element relative to the drawer;

said lifting and lowering device also having a swiveling axis disposed between the front panel of the drawer and the lifting and lowering element, the swiveling axis being spaced from the lifting and lowering element by a distance that is at least as great as a distance between the swiveling axis and the front panel of the drawer; and

said lifting and lowering element urging the drawer with the front panel attached to the drawer to swivel relative to the drawer rail about the swiveling axis in response to movement of the lifting and lowering element between said predetermined first and second positions of the lifting and lowering element relative to the drawer.